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For: Method for Controlling the Moisture of a
Web in Machine Direction on a Coating
Machine

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Reference DE 37 41 128 and the English Abstract attached thereto disclose a method of controlling and/or monitoring a web-coating drying process.

Reference DE 39 01 378 and the English Abstract attached thereto disclose a method for the regulation, control, and/or monitoring of a web-coating drying unit.

Reference WO98/41805 with the English Abstract on the cover sheet discloses a method and device for impregnating and drying a continuous web.

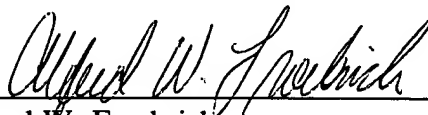
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